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OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following: On February 21, 2008, at approximately 4:56am, San Antonio Police officer Scott Ambrose, a 1 ½ year veteran, and Officer Emanuel Keith, a 12 year veteran, were dispatched to the Valero Store located at 2903 E. Southcross for a person harassing customers. Officer Ambrose was first to arrive and made contact with a male adult suspect. During the contact, the suspect displayed a knife and then fled from the officer on foot. Officer Ambrose pursued the suspect on foot until they reached the 2700 Blk of Bill Miller Way. At that point, Officer Keith arrived to assist and both he and Officer Ambrose attempted to place the suspect in custody. The suspect was still armed with his knife and did not comply with the officers orders to stop. Both officers utilized their ASP (expandable baton) in an attempt to subdue the suspect, but those efforts were not effective. Officer Keith then deployed his Taser, striking the suspect with the "probe mode". The Taser had some effect, but the suspect was able to get up and advance towards Officer Ambrose, while still threatening with the knife. At that point, fearing for Officer Ambrose's life, Officer Keith resorted to deadly force and fired his service weapon towards the suspect. The suspect was struck at least two times and went down. EMS was called to the scene and subsequently transported the suspect to BAMC in critical condition. Both officers were not injured.

The suspect will be identified once next of kin is notified and formal charges filed.

The San Antonio Police Department's shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Police Chief William P. McManus and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. As per policy, Officer Keith will be placed on administrative duty while the investigation continues.

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